

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventors: McAuley et al.)
For: BREATHING ASSISTANCE APPARATUS)
Examiner: Steven O. Douglas)
Art Unit: 3771)
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 9, 2009, having a shortened statutory date for response set to expire on January 9, 2010, kindly amend the application as follows: